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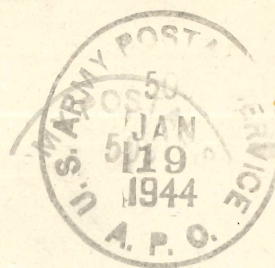
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Hiya Folks,

Sunday has slipped up on me again so I'll make this my usual "Monday" letter. At least having a certain day set aside helps me to have a day to strive for!

Received some V mail the last few days but has been quite some time since I've received a "real" letter. - Don't know why the sudden lull. - 'Course, with Sister always having her letters returned for additional postage - ahem! - Sister, you don't seal each one of those letters, two, do you? But seriously, - even my papers arrive funny. - Guess it depends on when a boat leaves, tho. Sometimes I go for a week or so without getting one - and then it seems as tho I get a whole sack full. - Right now I must have about 15 of them that I haven't even taken the wrappers off of! Guess our being so busy of late causes the accumulation, too, - cause on our days off - I'm so busy doing nothing, really, that I never even open them. - What I need is a nice long rainy spell, say about a week's

worth, and then maybe I could catch up on the odds & ends plus my reading!

Say, Ma, one of the fellows just made a crack about me.- He looked over and saw me writing so said, "give her my love".- To which I replied - "I'm writing my maw;- do you want me to send your love anyhow?" He came back with, "Sure, yeah;- why after looking at you, and thinking how long she had to put up with you, the least I can do is to send her my love!" - Imagine that - from a friend of mine, too!

Got Sister's Vmail telling me of your 2nd turkey dinner, the turkey being furnished by Tillie.- All I can say is, I'll be glad when I can write as one boy did in the sqdn.- He just finished up his last raid the other day so he said he wrote his folks to start buying up chickens and putting them in the ice box, for he would be home soon!

Not much of interest to write about since my trip to Tunis.- We've been quite busy since I got back.- I sorta hate it in a way,- but the only way to look at it, is that the busier we are - the sooner this

ol' war is over and the sooner my missions
are in. Got a letter from Douglas Adams, whom
I mentioned, returned home.- He was enjoying
a leave at home over Christmas and of course
had to rub it in about the number of steaks,
milk shakes, etc he was consuming! The
Sqdn. has also heard indirectly from others.-
Most of them were in Florida - they say it is
sorta like old home week of the old 432nd!
Two of them wrote about their first meal. They
said the check was $15 for the two of them - so
you can just imagine what they must have
eaten!

Boy, oh, boy.- I've been cold all day.- This
morning I went to take a shower - just got
wet - and the pump broke down!. Golly, we
all stood around for about 15 or 20 minutes
waiting for the water to start again - getting
colder + colder all the while.- Finally, when
it was decided it was definitely out of whack,
we were all chilled to the bone.- I returned
to camp.- started a fire and have been
practically sitting on the stove ever since!
Still not warm thru.

The climate here the last little while has
been ideal.- The nights - get cold - down around
35 or 40, I should judge, but the days - are

just about right. - When the sun is out, the mid-day is just right for a light sweater. Today we got our volley ball court up and sorta "test hopped" it! - Don't know where we will get the energy to play - tho we all enjoy the recreation it affords.

I'm sorry you've had so much trouble getting my silver bars, Sister. - I've managed to pick up a couple of sets, here & there - but at present my promotion is still tied up in higher headquarters. All promotions have been frozen for some technicality. - One of these days they'll break loose, tho. - I checked on the records the other day, and find mine has been in since some time in November!

Glad Mama has my money order on hand, and all cashed. - I'm sure Dr. Bowman will be the man to see. I used to write him from time to time, but somehow I haven't now, since I've been overseas, for some reason. - Lazyness I suppose.

I guess I'd better stop my ramblings for this time. - I'm going down to check the schedule for tomorrow. Am sure "I'm on" - but we always check, just to make certain.

So 'bye for now - and you'd better keep your toes crossed too. - I'm about rounding the 3/4 mark, almost ready for the home stretch! Lots & Lots of Love,

Frank